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The Honorable
Cyrus Vance
Secretary
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Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Cyrus:

The attached communication which I have received from Dr. William D. Crigger, 414 Division Street, South Charleston, West Virginia 25309, is explanatory.

I shall deeply appreciate having the benefit of your comments for passing along to Dr. Crigger.

Thanking you and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harley O. Staggers

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FROM: WILLIAM D. CRIGGER

RE: BURIAL OF JONESTOWN VICTIMS

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WILLIAM D. CRIGGER M.D.
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January [illegible], 1979

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Congressman Harvey Steigers
2366 Rayburn Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Honorable Sir:

I read in the Charleston Newspapers that there is a question of putting the Guyana, Jonestown massacre people in West Virginia. As a lifelong resident of West Virginia I do not feel that this is a practical solution to contaminate the hills of West Virginia with such a mass suicidal group because more than likely some of the kooks will want to set up a Temple or Shrine close to the burial site in West Virginia, and we have enough of these quasi religious Hara-Krista and other religious groups in West Virginia. I think it would be much cheaper and much more desirable for the United States Government to bury these people at sea. This is a wonderful burial rite and ceremony and, of course, we will not contaminate the land mass of the United States with any other quasi religious temples.

As a tax paying citizen I also feel that the United States Government should take steps to confiscate, or to be reimbursed from the Temple funds for the transportation and the money spent to identify and bury these people, because I do not feel this is right for those of us who are tax payers to bear this extremely heavy burden of four to six million dollars since the Temple has such a massive assets.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Crigger

William D. Crigger, M. D.

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